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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN

Date 1910	Order No.	In favor of and for what purpose	Amount
Sept. 20	1	S. H. Case, labor on roads	\$ 1 00
		Care of water tub	3 00
			—4 00
22	2	Josiah Woodbury, met with selectmen and auditors	2 00
		Telephoning	25
		Eight days services	16 00
		Cash paid for stamps	25
		One day's labor	2 00
		Cash paid Sherman Sanford	3 50
		Labor on road	5 00
		Met with board of selectmen	1 00
		Labor on road	2 00
		Services and expense to Htfd	3 25
		Cash paid for stamp and stationery	85
		Expenses to Hartford	3 25
		One day labor	2 00
			—41 35
22	3	J. J. Wright, cutting brush	12 49
23	4	Harold P. Birden, work on road with 3 men	4 50
26	5	John Kero, work on road	15 75
26	6	John Haburary, 5 days on road	8 35
28	7	John Bacon, labor on road	30 90
30	8	E. E. Bills, drawing trap rock state road	25 65
Oct. 3	9	A. E. Bedore, care water tub	3 00
3	10	F. H. King shoveling snow	1 95
3	11	Frank Driggs, damages by dogs to sheep	10 00
		Services and enrollment	20 00
			—30 00
3	12	Mike Mecsuga, 4 days with team drawing trap rock	18 00
6	13	F. B. Webster, care of James Case	7 00
11	14	E. E. Bills, drawing trap rock state road	30 88
11	15	Edward Kibbee, 4 days unloading trap rock	6 63

Date 1910	Order No.	In favor of and for what purpose	Amount
12	16	Irving Webster, town road with team Drawing trap rock	9 10 48 25—57 35
12	17	John Kero, shoveling trap rock	15 20
14	18	Josiah Woodbury, services, cash paid out and and labor	14 55
17	19	Arthur Clapp, 4 days drawing trap rock	18 00
17	20	H. A. Leonard, repairing bridge	75
17	21	Rogers Rake Co., 1413 ft plank	28 26
17	22	H. Buttles, Filling up washout, fur- nishing timber, building 2 sluices	5 00
17	23	C. A. Slade, shoveling snow 29 hrs	4 35
17	24	Winsted Printing & Engraving Co., printing and supplies	5 93
17	27	Tribune Printing Co., Printing town reports, etc.	39 00
20	26	W. E. Manchester, groceries for Mrs Reed	24 00
27	27	E. E. Bills, work on town road	32 40
27	28	Geo Patterson, work on town road	11 98
Nov. 1	29	John Harburary, 7 days, 4½ hours on road	12 38
7	30	Geo Kero, 31 loads dirt, 8½ hours labor	4 51
9	31	P. C. Jones, repairing bridge	2 00
10	32	Henry Allen & Son team on state road	5 00
10	33	S. H. Case, repairing sluice and plank	1 00
10	34	H. B. Case, services as treasurer 1910	50 00
10	35	H. B. Case, goods delivered Alva Kibbee from July 1 to Sept 30	39 00
10	36	W. C. Perry, demurrage on two cars of crushed stone	18 00
11	37	E. C. Foley, 9 days services as registrar	18 00
15	38	Geo Patterson, 5 days, 3 hrs on road	8 80
15	39	E. E. Bills, work on road with team	16 60
17	40	Monroe Hart & Sons, 2 men 6 days on bridge	24 00
		Man and team 3 days on bridge	12 00
		648 ft bridge plank	11 66—47 66

Date 1910	Order No.	In favor of and for what purpose	Amount
Nov 17	41	Chester Hart, 10 days as registrar	20 00
17	42	D. H. Dougherty, 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ days on bridges	20 13
17	43	F. S Roberts, groceries and supplies to W. Atwater	20 93
17	44	E. H. Wilcox, services and labor on town road and cash paid P. McLean	48 45
17	44	Connecticut Hospital for Insane, Eben Doolittle and Mary Butler	52 58
17	46	L O. H. Caya, services and medicine to Mrs E. L. Sears from Nov 13 to Dec 24, 1908	11 50
17	47	Andrew Anderson, lumber and repairing bridge	2 00
17	48	Chas Bedore, 320 ft railing for fence	3 20
17	49	Winsted Printing & Engraving Co., Notices, tax receipts and envelopes	10 68
17	50	The Citizen Printing Co., printing caucus notices	2 00
17	51	Morton Sanford, care of town poor for quarter ending Oct 1, 1910	39 59
17	52	Josiah Woodbury, services to Winsted	2 00
		Cash for telephoning	50
		Met to make voters	2 00
		To look over bridge	1 00
		Cash for stamps and stationery	1 00
		Met to make Voters	2 00
		Attending to case of John Ryan	2 00
		Met with selectmen	1 00
		2 days as selectman	4 00—15 50
Dec. 1	53	E. E Bills, labor with team 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	26 75
1	54	Geo Patterson 6 days on road	10 00
1	55	Edward Kibbee, 1 day on road	1 50
10	56	J. J. Wright, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days on road 100 ft plank	10 83 2 00—12 83
15	57	Aaron Teeter, care of water tub	5 00
15	58	C. N. LeGeyt, care of water tub Repairing sluices	3 00 3 00
		Services as selectman	4 00—10 00
23	59	Morton Sanford, transportation of James Case to Florida	19 65

Date 1910	Order No.	In favor of and for what purpose	Amount
Dec. 23	60	Irving Webster, 2½ days with team on road	11 25
		Putting up two tramps	1 00—12 25
Jan. 4	61	W. E. Manchester, goods to Mrs Geo Reed 13 weeks	26 00
24	62	Connecticut Hospital for Insane, Eben Doolittle and Mary Butler	58 58
24	63	H. B. Case, goods to Alva Kibbee	39 00
24	64	F. S. Roberts, goods to W. Atwater	22 50
24	65	Morton Sanford, board of paupers	66 42
Feb. 2	66	Josiah Woodbury, services to Tariffville	3 08
		Services as Selectman	4 00
		Cash paid for stamps	50
		Cash paid Mr. Clapp	1 00
		One day's services	2 00
		Paid Samuel Manchester	40
		Met with Selectman	1 00
		Cash paid out	25
		Services to Wallins Hill to look over damaged sheep	1 00
		John Huburary, labor on road	1 35—14 58
8	67	Joseph Ryan, damage to sheep by dogs	18 00
23	68	Ernest Hart. 3 days Selectman	6 00
		Work on sluices	1 75
		Services to Wallins Hill	2 00
		Collector's book	1 50
		Making bridge tax rate bill	3 75
		4 days on personal tax enrollment	11 50
		Making out Military tax	1 00—27 50
23	69	D. P. Sullivan, cash paid out on town roads	10 25
24	70	E. L. Bunnell, collecting tax on list of 1909	10 00
Mar. 6	71	A. C. Hopkins, labor on road	15 48
6	72	Harold P. Birden, 5 days as board of Relief	10 00
27	73	C. N. LeGeyt, labor on road and services as Selectman	25 90
27	74	W. H. Blewitt, services as assessor	25 00
27	75	Josiah Woodbury, services as Selectman	13 02
		Cash paid for stamps	1 00—14 02

Date 1911	Order No.	In favor of and for what purpose	Amount
Mar. 26	76	Edward L. Creveling, 5 days on Board of Relief	10 00
April 5	77	Geo. D. Fairchild, labor on road	20 00
12	78	Conn. Hospital for Insane, Eben Doolittle and Mary Butler	51 42
12	79	H. B. Case, goods to Alva Kibbee	31 00
17	80	W. E. Manchester, goods to Mrs. Geo. Reed	26 00
17	81	F. S. Roberts, goods to W. Atwater	26 00
17	82	Citizen Printing Co, printing	10 38
17	83	F. M. Chapin, freight on Mrs. Barden's goods Jan. 20, '10	2 70
17	84	Mortin Sanford, care of town poor	76 38
20	85	H. B. Case, to borrowed money	1000 00
May 1	86	Josiah Woodbury, services to Hartford 3 times	9 75
		Cash Wilber Webster	25
		Cash paid for stamps	1 05
		Services to Winsted 3 times to look after Mrs. Chas. Cook	6 00
		Cash paid Mr. Lather for services	2 00
		Met with Selectman	1 00
		Chas. Cowles for trucking	50
		Posting dog notices	2 00—22 55
3	87	S. F. Rowe, care of Mrs. Chas. Cook	15 00
17	88	E. L. Bunnell, collecting bridge tax on list of 1910	25 00
17	89	T. C. Doolittle, repairs on road scraper	8 00
19	90	E. E. Bills, team and 2 men on road	15 60
20	91	Frank Driggs on road and sluice	8 10
25	92	S. F. Rowe, two weeks board for Mrs Chas Cook	6 00
25	93	F. O. Church, services as assessor	25 00
29	94	Frank Driggs, 9 days, 3 hours on road scraper	23 35
29	95	James Watts, 3 days, 7 hrs on road	6 18
29	96	Patrick McLean, 8 days, 3 hrs on rd	13 86
29	97	Fred Webster, 4 days, 3 hrs on road	7 68
29	98	Albert Jackson, 6 days, 9 hours on state road	11 50

Date 1911	Order No.	In favor of and for what purpose	Amount
31	99	Harold P. Barden, services as fire warden with help at forest fires	402 75
31	100	James Watts, 2 day on state road	3 33
31	101	E. L. Bunnell, services as fire warden and help	10 35
June 1	102	Wm F. Beach, services as auditor	3 00
2	103	Ralph Allen & Son, team on road scraper	150 00
3	104	Albert Jackson, 3 days, 4 hours on state road	5 66
3	105	J. J. Wright, labor on road and sluices	35 00
5	106	W. E. Manchester, goods to Mrs Geo Reed	1 93
5	107	Scott Manchester services as assessor	25 00
5	108	Harold P. Birden, services as fire warden and help	15 50
12	109	Frank Driggs, 8 days, 3 hours on road scraper	20 75
12	110	Geo S. Barden, labor on road	7 60
13	111	T. C. Doolittle, work on tools	1 75
14	112	Walter Holcomb, services as attorney on water works	95 58
14	113	Howard F. Ives, damage to horse and carriage	25 00
14	114	W. Plateviot, labor on road, men and team	2 50
19	115	Wm R. Griffin, care of Mrs H. A. Cook	12 00
19	116	J. J. Wright, labor on road with team	18 71
19	117	Cesar A. Rossi, 2 men on road	65 50
20	118	Wilbur H. Hoyt, labor on state road with team	6 12
22	119	W. E. Griffin, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days on road	13 12
23	120	Ralph Allen & Son, man and team on scraper	150 00
24	121	Frank Driggs, work on scraper	12 50
24	122	Chas Bedore, $77\frac{1}{2}$ hours on road	13 33

Date 1911	Order No.	In favor of and for what purpose	Amount
Aug. 29	123	Monroe Hart & Sons, 1844 ft plank	35 03
		4 hours on road with team	1 40
		Slab wood	2 00
		Man and team on road	3 50
		2 men on road	2 75
		Dynamite	20— 44 88
29	124	Anthony Bedore, 13 days, $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours with team	55 00
29	125	Ernest Case, 8 days on road	14 00
29	126	Alfred Searles, 8 days on road	8 75
July 5	127	P. J. Donahue, care of water tub	3 00
6	128	Anthony Bedore, 3 days, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours with team	13 00
		2 days on road	3 50— 16 50
6	129	John S. Bacon, labor on road	38 00
6	130	Patrick McLean, labor on road	25 75
6	131	C. H. LeGeyt, labor on road with team, 1000 ft plank	112 91
6	132	C. N. LeGeyt, team on scraper	197 33
6	133	Wilbur Perry, team on scraper	40 00
6	134	C. N. LeGeyt, labor on state road with team	12 00
7	135	Chas Bedore, labor on road	9 17
7	136	Fred Webster, 12 days, 7 hrs on road	20 45
13	137	Josiah Woodbury, services to Hart- ford on water hearing	3 25
		Met with selectmen	1 00
		Service to Winsted	2 00
		Working on state road	2 00
		Cash pd for stationery and stamps	1 80
		Met with selectmen to make out jury list	2 00
		Services to Riverton to look over Fresh Air road	1 00
		Labor on state road	1 00
		Services to Riverton to look over the Ives damage	2 00
		Paid for 2 bags cement state rd	1 00
		Cash to John Bacon	2 00
		Cash to Fred Webster	17 17

Date 1911	Order No.	In favor of and what purpose	Amount
		Services to West Hill	1 00
		Services to Hart Hill	1 00
		Services as selectman	2 00
		Met with selectmen	1 00
		Labor on town road	2 00
			— 43 22
27	138	W. R. Griffin, care Mrs H. A. Cook	12 00
31	139	A. W. Carter, blade and other pieces to scraper	16 75
31	140	H. B. Case, goods for Alva Kibbee, from Apr 1 to July 1	25 00
31	141	Winsted Printing & Engraving Co., Receipts, notices and envelopes	6 25
31	142	F S. Roberts, Goods to W. Atwater	26 00
31	143	D. H. Dougherty, repairing bridge on state road	4 50
31	144	Connecticut Hospital for Insane, Eben Doolittle and Mary Butler	52 00
31	145	C. W. Cowles, drawing plank on state road	1 00
31	146	Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., Dog posters	2 00
31	147	Wallace Case, care of Paul M. Webb from Jan 25 to July 1911	21 45
31	148	Henry T. Smith, 1 trowel and 35 lbs nails	2 10
31	149	E. A. Rogers, services as auditor	3 00
31	150	Harold P. Birden, services as fire warden and help	19 76
31	151	Morton Sanford, care of town poor	18 00
Aug 10	152	Herbert Case, boarding 2 men on road	6 25
21	153	John S. Bacon, labor on road	8 00
25	154	E. L. Bunnell, collecting taxes on list of 1910	60 00
25	155	Wm R. Griffin, care of Mrs H. A. Cook from July 15 to Aug 15	12 00
28	156	J. T. Reynolds, care of water tub	3 00
Sep. 1	157	H. B. Case, service as town clerk	58 00
4	158	John S. Bacon, labor on road	9 00
4	159	Harold P. Birden, labor 2 men and team on road	7 32
4	160	E. A. Rogers, 1541 ft chestnut plank	30 82

Date 1911	Order No.	In favor of and for what purpose	Amount
4	161	Julius Degan, care water tub	3 00
5	162	Frank Driggs, plank and labor on sluice	15 17
5	163	J. J. Wright, 6 days labor 1 day man and team Paid Mr Beach	10 50 3 50 1 35—15 35
7	164	Marshall Case, blacksmithing	1 75
7	165	Cesar Rossi, Italians on road	9 90
7	166	Henry Allen & Son, bal due for man and team on road	7 00
7	167	Thos G. Kavnaugh 1 day on road	1 75
7	168	Geo M. Ransom, labor on road	3 85
7	169	The Bristol Press Pub. Co., notices	3 00
7	170	The Citizen Printing Co., printing	2 00
9	171	Julius F. Adams, labor with team on road	7 00
11	172	The Citizen Printing Co., caucus notices	4 00
11	173	Dept of Public Charities Hartford, Conn, poor and hospital expense 1902	47 86
13	174	Nathaniel Dew, labor on road	3 25
13	175	Harold E. Rogers, services as registrar	2 00
13	176	John W. Ullmann, carting dirt on road	2 25
13	177	Burton E. Hoskins, 1 day on road	1 75
15	178	Ernest M. Hart, 7 days services as se'ectman 3 days services to Hartford Work on road and bridge Making rate bill 68 ft B plank 10 lbs spikes Two men and team on road One man on road $\frac{1}{2}$ day	14 00 3 75 8 25 5 00 1 22 40 5 75 88—39 25
15	179	S. H. Case, care of water tub	3 00
15	180	Michael Macagan, labor on road with team	6 50
15	181	D. P. Sullivan, cash paid for help on road per order Josiah Woodbury	10 95
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SUMMARY.

Roads	\$1868	53
Bridges.	172	77
Services as selectman.	161	50
Poor.	804	48
Borrowed money.	1000	00
Registrars.	40	00
Damages by dogs and deer.	28	00
Auditors.	6	00
Fire Warden.	448	36
Town reports and notices.	85	24
Board of Relief.	20	00
Doctors for poor.	12	50
Assessors.	75	00
Tax Collector for bridge and Town tax.	95	00
Order Book.	1	50
Town Clerk and Registrars.	58	00
Other expense.	102	74
Expenses water tubs.	26	00
Dept of Public Charities Hartford, Conn., for poor and hospital expenses, year 1902.	47	86
Walter Holcomb, as Attorney.	95	58
Treasurer.	50	00
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	\$	5199
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REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER.

There has been two cases of scarlet fever and several cases of measles reported during the year.

Hubert B. Case, Health Officer.

LIABILITIES.

INTEREST BEARING.

Order No.	74, Nov. 30, 1903, Mechanics Savings Bank	\$1000 00
	93, Dec. 24, 1903, " " "	1000 00
	234, Apr 23, 1904, " " "	1000 00
	98, Apr. 2, 1906, " " "	1000 00
	47, Nov. 16, 1906, " " "	1500 00
	88, Jan. 11, 1907, " " "	1000 00
	139, Apr. 12, 1907, " " "	1000 00
	58, Nov. 23, 1907, First National " "	1500 00
	103, Dec. 28, 1907, " " "	1000 00
	159, Apr. 24, 1908, " " "	1000 00
	241, June 16, 1908 Hurlbut National " "	139 70
	142, Dec, 30, 1908, Mechanics Savings " "	1000 00
	216, Apr. 1909, " " "	1000 00
	102, Dec 30, 1909, First National " "	2000 00
	163, Apr. 12, 1910, " " "	1000 00
Town Bonds held by Mechanics Savings Bank		16500 00
Outstanding orders not bearing interest		70 80
Order No. 85, Apr. 20, 1911, Mechanics Savings Bank	1000 00	
		\$33710 50

ASSETS.

Burton Tiffany, Collector	\$ 77 86
E. H. Wilcox, collector, list 1901 -1906	900 82
H. J. Williams, collector list 1906	2892 23
H. J. Williams, collector list 1907	453 16
E. L. Bunnell, collector list 1908	172 27
E. L. Bunnell, collector bridge tax 1907	40 90
E. L. Bunnell, collector bridge tax 1908	72 60
E. L. Bunnell, collector town tax 1910	1393 67
Cash in treasury	1637 45
Road scraper	25 00
Tools	75 00
One ox cart	10 00
Plank 1000 ft	20 00
Due from Town of Hartland for running line	37 60
Due from Morton Sanford	12 00
One metal culvert	19 50
154 feet tile	37 50
School books	350 00
Present Indebtedness	5624 56
	\$28085 94

JOSIAH WOODBURY }
 CHARLES N. LE GEYT } Selectmen.
 ERNEST HART }

TREASURER'S REPORT

Town of Barkhamsted in account with

Hubert B. Case, Treasurer. DR.

To cash in Treasury Sept 20, 1910,.....	\$ 612 23
State of Connecticut for roads.....	500 00
State of Connecticut for road repairs.....	170 00
State of Connecticut for schools.....	1603 30
State of Connecticut for tuition.....	263 33
State of Connecticut for Forest fires.....	111 01
Litchfield County for forest fires.....	107 10
County Commissioners for license.....	135 00
State of Connecticut for school fund.....	438 75
State of Connecticut for corporation tax.....	34 54
State of Connecticut for unexpended dog tax.....	95 71
H. B. Case, town clerk, dog tax.....	139 00
Justice order State vs. Harry Carroll.	14 41
Mechanics Savings Bank borrowed.....	1000 00
Rent of town Hall.....	7 00
Town of Winchester.....	99 35
E. L. Bunnell collector list 1905.....	22 60
" " " interest.....	1 73—24 33
" " " list 1906.....	125 08
" " " interest.....	34 42—159 50
" " " list 1907.....	168 30
" " " interest.....	47 29—215 59
" " " list 1908.....	124 94
" " " interest.....	18 25—143 19
" " " list 1909.....	1152 75
" " " interest.....	58 89—1211 64
" " " list 1910.....	4963 73
" " " interest.....	12 86—4976 59
" " " bridge tax list 1908	111 91
" " " interest.....	10 64—122 55
" " " List 1909	1903 14
" " " interest.....	15 99—1919 13
	<hr/> \$14103 25

TREASURER'S REPORT (Continued)
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By cash pd Hurlbut Nat. Bank acct Iron Bridge	\$1937 89
" " " " Interest "	76 15
" Mechanics Sav. Bank Int on bonds & orders	1226 25
" First National Bank " " "	150 00
" Town Bond No. 12, paid	500 00
" State of Connecticut for dog license	107 27
" State of Connecticut for state tax	171 09
" State of Connecticut for Military Com. tax	124 20
" State of Connecticut for election ballots	18 90
" Hartford Printing Co. tax lists, abstract, etc.	9 50
" C. W. Cowles sexton returns	3 00
" Dr J. Swett returning births and deaths	3 75
" Justice order State vs. Harry Carroll	14 41
" Town Health Officer	11 95
" Town orders	4194 18
" School orders	3917 24
Cash in treasury, Sept 21st, 1911	1637 45
	<hr/> \$14103 52

To cash in treasury Sept 21st, 1911, \$1637 45

Hubert B. Case, treasurer.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the Town of Barkhamsted, hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen of said town and find the foregoing reports to be correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Eugene A. Rogers }
 William F. Beach } Auditors.

Personally appeared before me, Eugene A. Rogers, Justice of the Peace for Litchfield County, Josiah Woodbury, Charles N. LeGeyt and Ernest Hart, Selectmen and Hubert B. Case, Treasurer, and William F. Beach, Auditor and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statement.

Eugene A. Rogers,
Justice of the Peace.

Personally appeared before me, Hubert B. Case, Town Clerk for the Town of Barkhamsted, Eugene A. Rogers, Auditor, and made oath to the foregoing statement.

Hubert B. Case, Town Clerk.

Barkhamsted, Conn., Sept 21st, 1911.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

To the Secretary of the School Committee of the Town of Barkhamsted:

Dear Sir:—

In presenting this, my second annual report of the schools of Barkhamsted, I am inclined to criticise rather than commend. Especially do I feel justified in so doing when I have under consideration the matter of attendance. It is a lamentable fact that, while in some districts there appeared to be an honest effort to keep the children in school, in others there was a marked indifference to this most important feature of school work. The percent of attendance was 83. Out of a possible average of 164.83 you retain 135.35 Your loss in attendance is, therefore, 29.48 and your loss in money is \$737. This represents a distinct loss to the town as, under the law this sum would come to you directly from the state treasury. With a view to assist in the work of improving attendance, your supervisor, at the beginning of the school year, distributed attendance blanks. Upon these were written the name of the absentee and the date of absence. They were then sent to the parents with the request that cause of absence be stated thereon and the blanks returned to the teacher. I am of the opinion that this scheme tended in some degree to lesson the cases of non-attendance.

It is refreshing to turn from this gloomy picture to one more pleasing. For the most part Barkhamsted has been fortunate in its teachers. It may not be generally known, but it is none the less true, that it is becoming more and more difficult to secure good teachers for our country schools. This is unfortunate, for it is in these localities to-day, as in the past, that the truest type of that sturdy Americanism that has been such force in all our history is found. Most of the teachers during the past year have worked faithfully, and I have only words of commendation for them as a whole. That some have accomplished less than others was due more to inexperience and lack of co-operation than to any evident desire to slight their work. After all, the co-operation of the parent is one great essential to successful school work. This is especially true in country schools. In the city where the system is so vast and complicated, the parent is farther removed. One can readily understand why this is so. But in the country there should be an honest interest manifested in the working of the school. Better, however, absolute indifference than the unwarranted annoyance to

which many young teacher is subjected by the unjust criticism of some disgruntled individual who imagines he has a grievance and seeks a remedy by stirring up dissatisfaction in the community.

The repairs suggested by the supervisor last year were made. The most noteworthy of the improvements was the removal of the school house at South Hollow to a better location. The new school building at Wallens Hill was found to be inadequate, and the supervisor was compelled to suggest that the partition between the main room and the hall be removed. If, however, there should chance to be any material decrease in the number attending the school the coming year and this step should be deemed unnecessary by the committee, the alteration need not be made.

During the past year the supervisor has given a great deal of attention to first grade work. In the matter of a child's education as in many other things, much depends upon the kind of a start that is made. Many of life's failures are the result of a bad beginning. I consider the child's first year in school the most critical period of his school life. He then lays the foundation, whatever he later acquires is builded thereupon. The subject receiving the most attention in this grade was reading. Many hours of the supervisor's time were given to the preparation of reading matter. Many poems were hectographed, and much material for seat work was obtained and distributed. A heavy grade of Manila paper was also procured and cut into sheets 18x24 inches, upon these the teachers printed the words that were learned from day to day. These were preserved and each day a few minutes were given to a word drill to permanently fix the words in the child's mind. Hectograph leaflets were obtained from the state board of education, and, for the other grades a large number of five cent classics were purchased and distributed as supplementary reading. These furnished a fine variety of very profitable reading. Good expression and correct enunciation were insisted upon from the start.

Teachers' meetings were held from time to time. Among the subjects discussed were the following:— The Register. Organization and Classification. The Plan-Book. The Programme. Methods of Teaching. Seat Work. Some Schoolroom Habits. Languages and Literature. Promotions, etc. These meetings were generally well attended and were, I think, profitable gatherings.

The "Plan-book" was introduced early in the year. The design of this book is to assist the teacher in a systematic arrangement of her work. If properly worked out, this cannot fail to prove of much aid to the teacher. By its use she is enabled at all times to

estimate definitely what ground the pupils of any grade should cover, in any study, in a given time.

The "Programme" is another aid to the teacher. By its use both the pupils and the teacher know, not only what class is coming next, but also what the pupils remaining in their seats are doing at the same time. With a well-arranged programme and a definite plan of action, all lessons carefully looked over in advance, the teacher is fortified for whatever may come. The recitation, instead of being an embarrassing exhibition of ignorance and unpreparedness, becomes a delight to all. Right there is the joy of teaching, and the profession would not be the wearisome grind it is today, if this course was persistently followed.

The supervisor regrets that his many duties prevent him from meeting the parents as frequently and intimately as he would wish. He is most desirous to make the acquaintance of the friends and patrons of the schools under his charge. To aid him to do so, and to promote a kindly interest in his work, and in the work of the teachers, he has decided to set aside the afternoon of the last Thursday of each month for a "Visitors' Day". On that day he will visit one or more of the schools of the town, and he will be pleased to meet as many of the parents as possible. Of course it will not be possible to meet all in one day, by this arrangement, but during the year I shall expect to meet a very large percentage of those interested in school affairs.

Several of the schools of the town are small. That at Ratlum and North Hollow especially so. These schools should, and doubtless would be closed out but for the difficulty of procuring transportation. In the case of Ratlum the difficulties are too great to overcome, apparently, but in North Hollow it seems that these children might easily be carried to the Center. At the close of the spring term there were but three children attending this school. The individual cost of educating these children is very large.

The teachers thus far employed are as follows:

Center, Miss Frederick, \$8 00; Center Hill, Miss Osborne, \$8 00; Washington Hill, Miss Williams, \$8 00; South Hollow, Miss Driggs, \$8 00; Ratlum, Miss Case, \$; Riverton, Miss Flynn, \$9 00; Pleasant Valley, Miss Porter, \$9 00; Wallens Hill, Miss Church, \$9 00; Mallory, Miss Lamson, \$8 00; North Hollow, Miss Gibbons, \$8 00.

FOLLOWING IS THE TABLE OF ATTENDANCE :

NAME OF SCHOOL	Length of term of days			Enumeration 1910	Number Registered	Average Attendance			Percent of Attendance	Aggregate Attendance	Days of Absence
	Fall	Winter	Spring			Fall	Winter	Spring			
						Total for year					
Center	13	54	49	20	17	17	18	18	13.87	13.09	80
Center Hill	75	54	49	17	11	10	12	14	10	9.39	10.9
Washington Hill	72	54	49	15	11	13	9	13	9.2	10.2	8.3
Ratlum Hill	72	55	52	6	4	6	6	3.7	3.9	5.15	92
South Hollow	73	54	49	20	16	16	13	16	11.42	12	34
North Hollow	73	53	54	13	10	8	7	10	8.47	7.02	4.5
Riverton	75	50	53	27	27	27	26	30	22.9	21.8	21.3
Pleasant Valley	73	54	50	31	25	28	29	29	19.45	22	26
Wallens Hill	73	54	49	26	28	26	26	31	21.45	21	97
Mallory	74	54	49	20	19	18	14	21	12.68	12	94
									8.9	76	631

I desire to thank the members of your committee for their uniformly courteous treatment.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. H. Bliss, Supervisor.

Winsted, Conn., Sept. 5, 1911,

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

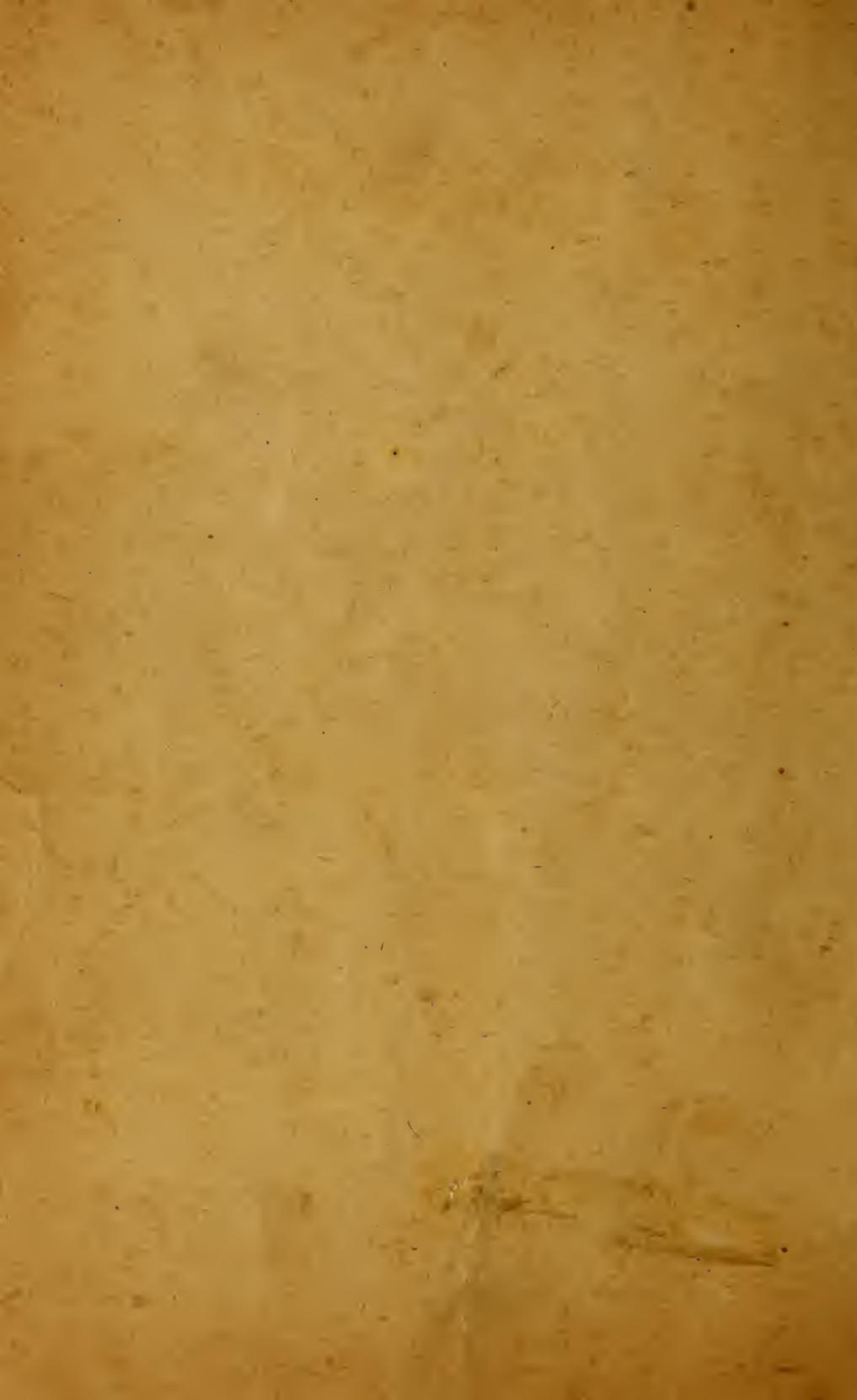
From State Enumeration Grant,	\$ 438 75
From State High School Tuition Grant,	260
From State Average Attendance Grant,	2111 19
From Town Deposit Fund,	264 24
From Town Treasury.	992 51—\$4066 69

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' Wages,	\$2988
Fuel,	178 83
Repairs,	112 39
Transportation,	177
Books and Supplies,	94 15
High School Tuition,	390
School Board and other incidental expenses,	126 32—\$4066 69

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel H. Case, Secretary.



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